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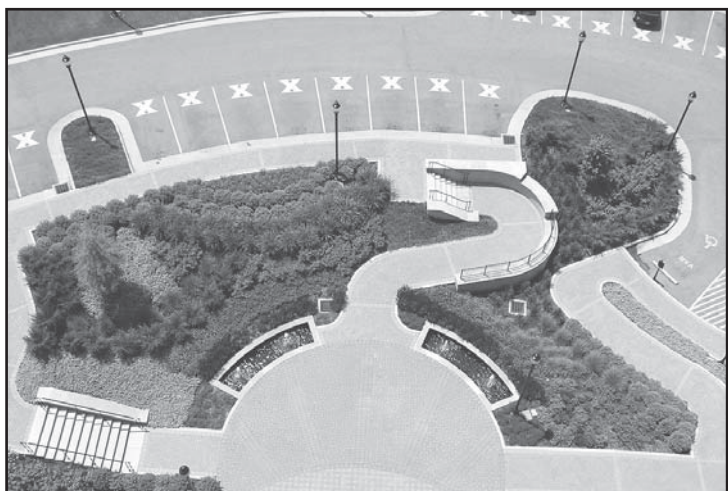
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Bruggeman Fellowships

The Edward B. Bruggeman Center for dialogue invites all juniors, seniors and graduate students to apply to become a Winter-Cohen Family/Bruggeman Student Fellow for the spring semester of 2007. Contact Cynthia Cummins at the Bruggeman Center at 745-3922 or cummins@xavier.edu for more information.

ASA General Meeting

The Xavier African Students Association will be holding a dialogue entitled the “Brain Drain Migration Conversation.” The discussion will explore the advantages and disadvantages of leaving one’s country to start a new life elsewhere and promises to be an extremely engaging dialogue. Email Cherif Diagne at diag-nec@xavier.edu with questions.

March for Life

If you would like to serve as a voice for the voiceless and become an active participant in the struggle to preserve life, then sign up to attend the March for Life Protest that will run from Jan. 20-22, 2007 in Washington D.C. Please bring a \$10 deposit to the Dorothy Day House to secure your space. The total cost for the trip will be \$35. Call Anne Feczko at 513-259-9106 or email xu4life2003@yahoo.com for more information.

Native American journalist speaks

As part of Xavier’s Equity and Excellence series and in observation of the National American Indian Heritage Month, there will be a talk by Native American journalist Mark Anthony Rolo. The discussion will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday in Kelley Auditorium. Rolo will focus his dialogue on an analysis of Native American culture and identity, as well as the impact of the media, economy, health and education on the ongoing struggle for Native American survival. Contact the Diversity Office at x3539 or corder@xavier.edu.



Xavier voices protest

COLLEEN BOTT

Contributing Writer

Over 50 members of the Xavier community will be heading to Fort Benning, Ga. this weekend to participate in the annual protest at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as the School of the Americas (SOA).

SOA trains Latin American soldiers, and some graduates have gone on to commit human rights violations. Sophomore Chris Calme, a member of Voices of Solidarity, the Xavier club that sponsors the trip, knows a great deal about these incidents.

“The purpose of the protest is to bring greater attention to WHINSEC and the atrocities that many of its graduates have performed,” she said. “The event’s focus is also to commemorate and remember the lives of those who were killed by graduates of the school. Such people include Oscar Romero; the four women in El Salvador; and the six Jesuits, their housekeeper and her daughter.”

Sarah Beckelhimer also attended the protest last year. Her reasons for attending include preparation for an academic service learning semester in Nicaragua.

“I had heard about WHINSEC, the SOA and the relationships between Latin American countries, but I wanted to see for myself,” she said. “I was curious, so going to the



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The VOS group at the SOA protest.

protest was a way for me to find out more.”

Participants will attend non-violence training prior to leaving for Fort Benning as well as attend an Ignatian Family Teach-In, sponsored by Jesuit institutions all over the country.

“Since we are a Jesuit institution, the protest and Ignatian Teach-In coincide directly with our mission to be men and women for others. By speaking out against violations of human rights, we are being voices for the voiceless,” Calme said. “Living in America gives us all great opportunities, among those being the freedom to speak out. It

is our responsibility to take what we have been given in America and what we have learned at Xavier about the dignity and worth of each person to stand up in solidarity with the oppressed.”

Students also have the opportunity to take a tour of the school led by its instructors. A non-violent march and vigil of remembrance are important aspects of the protest.

“Going to the SOA was a very powerful experience for me,” said Beckelhimer. “I was amazed at the immense number of people there from all walks of life, from clergy to college students to laborers, but we were all gathered there in peace,

to learn and to teach, to sing and pray and to remember. What was most moving about it was the peacefulness of the entire experience. During the march, we walked arm-in-arm, holding crosses with the names of people who had been killed by graduates from the School of the Americas and hung them up on the fence, while singing ‘Presente’ as the names of the deceased were read. It was an atmosphere of utmost respect for those who had died, not of hate or disrespect.”

Calme hopes that students come away from the protest with a new perspective.

“It is our hope that the students who participate in the trip will learn the meaning of standing in solidarity with the oppressed. We have the hope that the trip will open all of our eyes to the greater calling that God has for all of us. The most important thing that a participant can walk away with after the event is a greater understanding of solidarity and of living out our Jesuit identity of being men and women for others.”

Any student interested in learning more about Latin American issues can stop by a Voices of Solidarity meeting in at 9 p.m. on Thursdays in the Dorothy Day House.

Cheerleaders get basketball points

EMILY NEUBAUER

Contributing Writer

On any given winter Saturday night on the campus of Xavier University, the Cintas Center is a bright spot in the dark. People pile in from all around Cincinnati dressed in navy, white and gray, some going as far as wearing face paint and wigs. The noise is deafening while fans move toward their seats. The announcer calls out the names of the players. They run onto the court and begin to warm up. There is excitement in the air as another season gives fans new hope.

So you know the players of your favorite team, but do you ever wonder who else takes the court during a basketball game? Those girls in blue and white, cheering in favor

of the home team, are the Xavier University cheerleaders.

In all the excitement of a college basketball game, the cheerleaders often get overlooked. In reality, the cheerleaders work hard and dedicate a lot of their time to instilling exhilaration in Xavier’s fans.

Most basketball fans know what it takes to be a player, but do they know what it takes to be a cheerleader?

It takes a lot to cheer for one of Xavier’s cheerleading squads. The white squad cheers for the women’s basketball games, while the blue squad cheers for the men. Both teams practice together twice a week for a total of five hours. They run, warm up, stretch, practice tumbling and practice stunts.

Cheerleaders arrive one to two hours before the game where they practice for the majority of the time, taking only minutes to get dressed.

During the game, they yell at the top of their lungs, follow the routines and excite the crowd.

But cheerleading, like every other sport or extracurricular activity, has benefits and downfalls.

Sophomore Kara Caudell, a member of the blue squad, said that tryouts were nerve-racking, just as they would be for a baseball or a basketball team.

As a freshman, Caudell was surprised that she made the squad at all considering all the competition she faced.

Not only is it tough to make the

squad, it’s difficult to keep up with it. Even though it is near impossible to fully practice outside of the gym because it could cause injury, cheerleading still takes a lot of time and energy.

“During the season we don’t have much down time because of all the games,” said Caudell.

Giving up time may be a negative, but there certainly are some positives. Cheerleaders have the best seats in Cintas Center with a perfect view of the game. “It does take up a lot of time, but I’m glad I’m doing it. It’s worth it,” said Caudell.

The next time you’re cheering our Musketeers to victory, don’t forget to cheer with the girls on the sidelines.

POLICE NOTES

Nov. 6, 8:40 a.m.—Campus Police investigated the report of a suspect climbing over a wall near the Village. The suspect was gone on the police’s arrival.

Nov. 7, 3:57 p.m.—Two students reported an accident that occurred in the Elet lot.

Nov. 7, 4:30 p.m.—A student reported the theft of a parking permit in the C-2 lot.

Nov. 7, 9:40 p.m.—Two non-students using the Fencing House without authority were cited and sent on their way.

Nov. 9, 5:30 a.m.—An officer on

patrol detected a large amount of water damage on the lower level of Elet Hall. The police linked the source to a mop faucet that had been left running on the second floor of the building.

Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m.—A student reported the theft of a CD and a small amount of change from an unlocked vehicle parked on the 3700 block of Ledgewood Avenue.

Nov. 9, 2:45 p.m.—A student reported damage of a vehicle that had been parked for four days in the Village lot.

Nov. 10, 4:37 p.m.—A student reported a hit-and-

run accident in the C-2 lot.

Nov. 10, 5:04 p.m.—Four juveniles who had been soliciting funds on the academic mall were arrested on various charges including trespassing, theft, obstruction of official business and underage possession of alcohol.

Nov. 11, 7:10 a.m.—Physical Plant reported that there was damage done to two entrance doors in the Village.

Nov. 12, 5:45 a.m.—An officer on patrol discovered that toilet paper had been strewn across the residential mall’s greenspace.

Nov. 12, 12:02 a.m.—A patron of

Cintas Center reported the theft of their stereo equipment from their car parked in a reserved lot next to the R-1 car park.

Police Note of the Week

Nov. 11, 1:20 a.m.—Four students were cited for underage consumption after they were caught attempting to sneak into the pool at O’Connor Sports Center.

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- STAFF EDITORIAL -
Rotten to the core

As of now, most of Xavier’s students have their schedules planned out for next semester—and even though many of you probably did not get every class you wanted, at least it’s all done, right? Yet, even with it all finished, did anyone really feel completely relieved after scheduling that last class? Does anyone ever get a sudden panicky feeling that they will be graduating in May of their tenth year at Xavier? This all too familiar feeling can in many cases be thanks to what we endearingly call “core.”

The core curriculum here at Xavier is meant to “encourage students to explore the world through multiple avenues to truth which reflect the complexity of the human spirit,” says the Xavier University Catalog. To do this, students have to complete a shocking 60+ hours of core classes. That’s right. Sixty hours. And that depends on your major; many times it’s closer to 64 hours.

What this means is that if a student takes the norm of 15 credit hours per semester for four years, half of their time at Xavier will be spent taking classes that may or may not pertain to their major. Does anyone find this fact a little unsettling?

Not only does that seem like a high number, it seems especially high compared to other colleges’ general curriculum graduation requirements. Other colleges have cores closer to 30 and 40 hours. Some, like Xavier, have what seems to be an excess, such as Columbia College in New York which requires 17 classes (three hours a class would be 51 hours). Columbia...Xavier...Columbia...Xavier. We’ll just leave it at the fact that Xavier’s core curriculum expects

a lot out of students who go to an academically mid-class school.

Sometimes it seems a little silly that an English major should have to take a year and a half worth of science courses or that everyone must take 24 credits of ethics classes (theology, philosophy or ER/S). However, the university backs up their decision by stating that “Xavier is committed to a broad-based liberal education in the Jesuit tradition.”

Everyone who applied to Xavier was aware of the core requirements, right? The speeches you heard from Xavier representatives included how proud they were of their core curriculum. It is admirable when you think about it abstractly. You just never thought it would be so hard to get everything done (especially if you are, heaven forbid, double majoring).

There is no denying that this core will have Xavier graduates prepared when they leave. We’ll be prepared in almost any subject, and be thoroughly versed in ethical principles. The only question we at *the Newswire* have is: Is that what college is meant for?

There are two ways to answer this: “Yes—undergraduate school provides a basis of learning; concentration on a specific subject is for graduate school.” The other answer is, obviously: “No, I don’t plan to attend graduate school—I need to concentrate on my degree now.”

Xavier is perfect for those students who can afford to spend time learning about many subjects. However, your experience at Xavier can become very busy and maybe even extended if you want to take less core classes than classes of your choice.

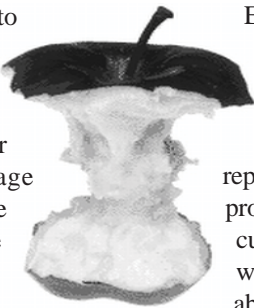


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Best cheers at a Xavier basketball game
as selected by the Newswire staff

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“Two steps this time” taunt directed at an opposing player who commits a travelling violation. Alternative translation: “why do you build me up, buttercup, just to let me down, and mess me around.”

2

“Dee-fense” cheer encouraging the Musketeers to dig in and get a stop on the defensive end. Alternative translation: “don’t break my heart, I’ll be over at ten, you tell me again and again, but you’re late.”

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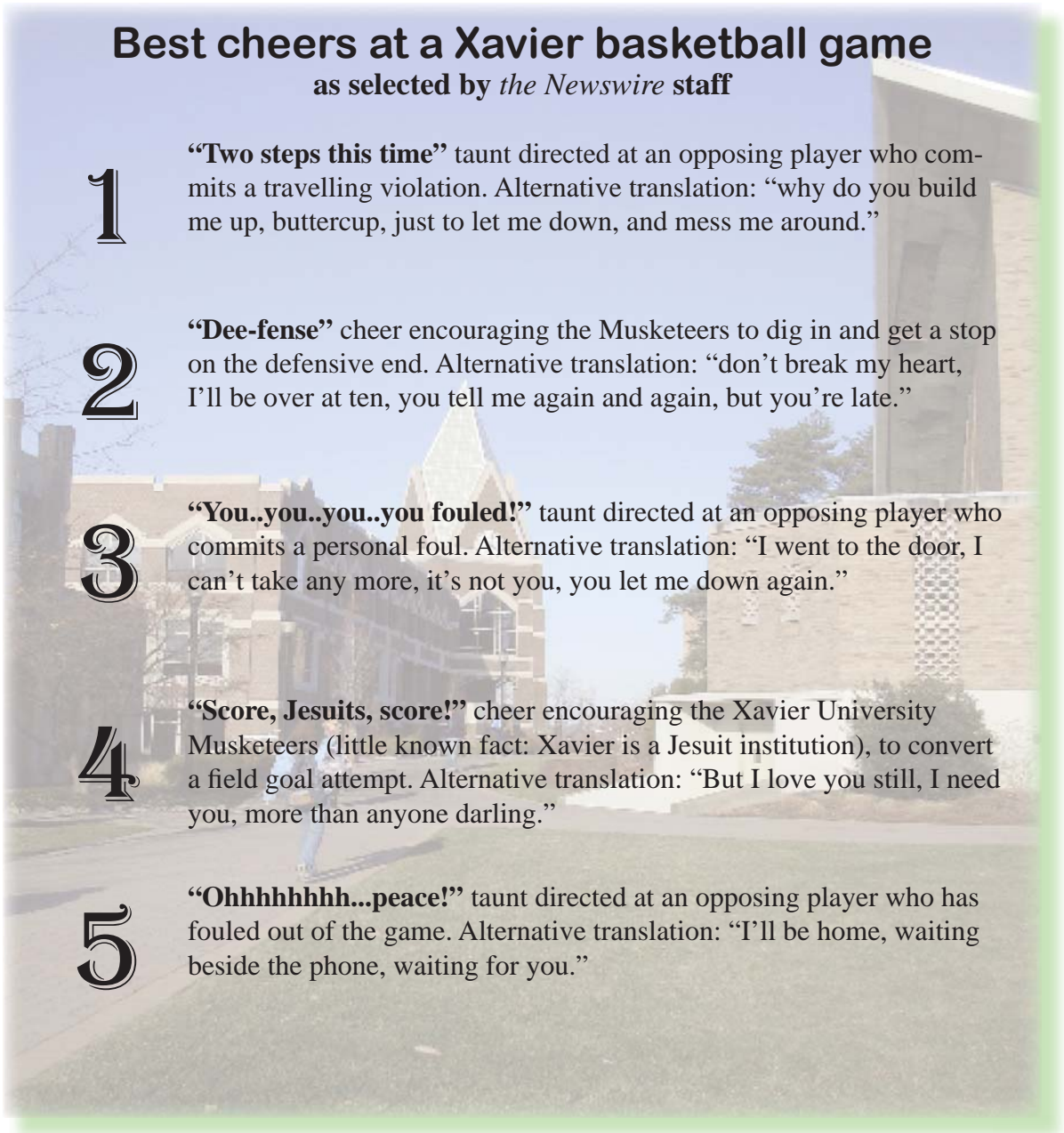
“You..you..you..you fouled!” taunt directed at an opposing player who commits a personal foul. Alternative translation: “I went to the door, I can’t take any more, it’s not you, you let me down again.”

4

“Score, Jesuits, score!” cheer encouraging the Xavier University Musketeers (little known fact: Xavier is a Jesuit institution), to convert a field goal attempt. Alternative translation: “But I love you still, I need you, more than anyone darling.”

5

“Ohhhhhhhh...peace!” taunt directed at an opposing player who has fouled out of the game. Alternative translation: “I’ll be home, waiting beside the phone, waiting for you.”



— A Piece of Opinion —

Please sir, may I have another?

MATTHEW FINGER

Op-Ed Editor

Many consider corporal punishment to be one of the most important social issues facing us today. It affects our educational system, our family relations and perhaps our social makeup at large. Is the act of striking a child or person in an attempt to correct them effective? I mean, does it really work? Furthermore, should corporal punishment be banned from the school systems and from the home as well?

Bobby Knight seems to think not, as he was yet again caught by the ever-present media committing a no-no. By that I mean he smacked, lightly I might add, a player who was not paying attention to him. A lot of people are angry at Knight, even though the player, his parents and Texas Tech’s athletic director are not counted among them. Personally, I think Knight was in bounds. The player was not paying attention to him basically disrespecting him, and I think we all know that you do not disrespect Bobby Knight.

But I can see where the anti-spankers are coming from, even though I do not totally agree with them. An argument can be made that hitting someone in public is both humiliating and counter-pro-

ductive, as it might spur the person to become even more uncooperative. In fact, many studies have found an increase in aggressive behavior in children being punished by their parents through means of corporal punishment.

I think that corporal punishment can be useful, as long as the distinction between punishment and abuse is maintained. Parents have been reprimanding their children since parents started having children. No, it is not okay to abuse and mentally scar children, but at the same time I think it is acceptable under specific circumstances to allow for the occasional physical punishment.

In the school system, however, I do not believe that corporal punishment is something to be pursued. It is, as aforementioned, shameful and humiliating to the receiver, and is likewise degrading to the punisher. I know that I would not respect or cooperate with my teachers any more than I already do if they utilized corporal punishment. Beating the crap out of a student is not going to make them want to practice their Latin any more than they already do, I promise.

At the same time, there are a lot of spoiled brats out there, and maybe what they need is a nice, firm slap on the bum to bring them back

down to earth. People think that talking to kids and trying to reason with them is how to do it, because that way we aren’t scarring their psyche. We have to make them feel special and alive.

I call bull. They already feel special and alive. That’s why they won’t stop screaming for a candy bar in the grocery store. Sometimes the only way to get to people is by use of force. Yes, nice words are helpful and reinforce many desired behaviors, but while words don’t always get the message across, a spanking does. No one wants to do it, but sometimes it needs to be done. So I say that if someone has made the decision to reprimand their child by way of corporal punishment, let them.

As for Bobby Knight: No, it was not his kid, but at the same time he didn’t do anything to hurt or permanently scar the player to the point of needing psychological care. He brought him to attention and got his point across. It was quick, moderate and effective, and I find it hard to criticize someone for that. I mean, come on, look at General George Patton. He used to hit his soldiers and look how much butt they kicked.

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The Stevenson Manifesto

PATRICK STEVENSON

Assistant Op-Ed Editor

If I was the Supreme Overlord of Xavier University and had the ability to change anything and everything, this is what I would do:

There would be a public debate in the Cintas Center between Stephen Colbert and Brother Donnie Morris, the guy who yells a lot about AIDS on the greenspace every spring.

Johnny Wolf would shoot more like Steve Kerr and less like Shawn Marion.

The Xavier Radio Network would be recreated for the sole purpose of broadcasting “The Anthony and Abdoulie Show,” starring Anthony Coleman and Abdoulie Krubally.

The science requirement for the core would be dropped from nine credit hours to six.

The Burger King in the food court of the Gallagher Student Center would be replaced by a Chipotle.

Philosophy and Theology majors would be required to shut up every once in awhile.

There would be no classes in Cohen, Elet or the Armory before noon ever again.

Anyone seen photographing themselves would have their cam-

era immediately confiscated and would be cited for excessive narcissism by Campus Police.

Professors would not be allowed to reduce a student’s grade because of poor attendance. It is unfair to punish a student who

case their artwork, photography and writing.

Any student who appears to like Ohio State athletics more than Xavier athletics would be deported to Columbus, Ohio with no exceptions. This would apply to Notre

lineup of funny and original programming.

In a related note, the columnists at the *NewsWire* would occasionally make fun of something other than “Time Well Spent.”

Jason Mraz would never be allowed within 100 yards of the Cintas Center stage ever again.

The shuttle would be able to take students from Bellarmine Circle to Spencer Ave. faster than a covered wagon pulled by an alpaca could do it.

The *NewsWire*’s “Police Notes” section would feature the names of anyone given a citation for things such as “urinating in a bush” or “sleeping on a bench outside of Kuhlman.” The students of Xavier need to know the true identities of these heroes.

The Late Night Movie Series at Gallagher would feature films that everyone hasn’t already seen. Instead of showing the mega-blockbuster *Pirates of the Caribbean II*, the late night movie series would show good movies that many never got to see, like Little Miss Sunshine.

Conservative Week would become Conservative Month. Why not give conservatives a whole month to celebrate themselves? The event would be headlined by

lectures on various topics given by famous out of work conservatives, such as Bob Taft on coin collecting, Mark Foley on netiquette and Tom DeLay on campaign finance.

Dunks like the one Derrick Brown had in the Coastal Carolina game would be worth 27 points. Such a move would also rehabilitate Keith Jackson’s basketball career.

Students would occasionally write letters to *the NewsWire* Op/Ed page to express their own opinions instead of just disagreeing with my esteemed colleague Matt Finger.

The Volkswagen dealership on the corner of Cleneay and Montgomery would be replaced by a Waffle House.

People would stop thinking that waiting twenty minutes for a beer in a dank, unfinished basement with 300 other people constitutes having a good time on the weekend.

Finally, throwing water balloons at people out of a fifth floor window of Kuhlman Hall would not only be completely legal, it would be encouraged.

Students of Xavier, unite! You have nothing to lose but your dignity!



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Stephen Colbert vs. Brother Donnie Morris would the debate of the century.

demonstrates mastery of the material simply because their attendance is spotty.

The entire campus would have high-speed wireless internet access that doesn’t crap out every 15 seconds.

We would have a well-funded student run magazine which would be a forum for students to show-

Dame fans as well.

If Sean Miller ever receives a job offer from a university in a power conference, he would be required to closely examine Skip Prosser’s current success at Wake Forest University before making any decisions.

The Xavier University Television Association would feature a

Doing our best?

Your article this past week addressed the issue of homophobia and its foolishness. While I of course agree with you, I wanted to address the topic on a more personal level- homosexuals and Xavier University.


Although the homosexual population here at Xavier isn’t that of UC Berkeley or NYU, we are just as important. We are still young adults trying to find our feet in this heterosexist world, who have to deal with such monstrous things as coming out, finding relationships, and being proud of our identity.

While Xavier does in some ways cater to our needs by the Advocate program and by allowing the Xavier Alliance to be an established and recognized club, it also falls short in many ways as well.

The Alliance has no personal office space at all, but merely a one hour time slot in the Dorothy Day House. There is no established Safe Space program unlike at other Jesuit universities such as Loyola Chicago, St. Louis University, and Santa Clara. And, while “sexual orientation” is listed as part of the Universities’ Gender and Diversity Minor, there are currently no courses offered that exclusively accommodate GLBT issues.

I want to offer my appreciation for what Xavier has done to progress homosexual awareness and acceptance, but at the same time I challenge the idea that we are doing the best we can to fully recognize and support GLBT students and its allies.

-Patrick McNearney
Class of ‘09



We can’t read your mind.
So write to us instead, ok?

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Volleyball heads to A-10 Championship

The Xavier University volleyball team closed out its regular season on Nov. 11 with a win against the Dukes of Duquesne University.

The win gave the team a regular season record of 17 wins and 11 losses, good enough for a fourth seed in the 25th annual Atlantic 10 Volleyball Championship tournament.

The tournament this year is being held at the Fredericks Center on the campus of the University of Dayton. This season marks the first time since 1994 that the A-10 will have six teams competing for the championship.

The top six teams in the conference (Fordham, Temple, Dayton, Saint Louis, Charlotte and Xavier) will begin the tournament at 5 p.m. on Nov. 17 when third-seeded Saint Louis takes on sixth-seeded Fordham.

Following that match will be the fourth-seeded Muskies against the fifth-seeded 49ers from Charlotte.

Dayton, who has earned the number one seed, will play the lowest remaining seeded team; Temple will take on the highest remaining seeded team for the semifinal matchups.

The winner of the A-10 championship will receive an automatic bid into the 2006 NCAA Volleyball Championship.

Kooyman wins three, men third

Xavier University swimmers were in action on Nov. 10 in a meet at IUPUI. The women were able to defeat IUPUI and Evansville, but were unable to surpass Wisconsin-Green Bay on the score board.

Meanwhile, the men were only able to muster a win against Evansville, falling short against both IUPUI and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

For the women, senior Krystel Kooyman turned in a dominating performance, finishing first in the 100 back, 200 breast and the 200 IM, which were the only three events she entered.

Freshman Martha Cutter-Wilson had a solid meet for the women, turning in finishes of third in the 100 back and second (to Kooyman) in the 200 breast.

The men were led by junior Nico Lilly who recorded a first place finish in the 200 fly, and senior Dave Janszen who took first in the 200 IM with a team season best time of 1:59.

Junior Matt Krouse won the 100 free with a time of 48 seconds.

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Total devastation: Hurricane Xavier ravages Coastal Carolina

JOHN LAFOLLETTE
Sports Editor

The men's basketball team opened its much anticipated 2006-07 season with a 79-46 win over the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers last Saturday night at Cintas Center.

Junior guard Stanley Burrell led the Musketeers' scoring attack with a game-high 19 points off 5-of-9 shooting from the field and 8-of-10 from the free throw line. Xavier also welcomed junior forward Josh Duncan back to the court for the first time since he has been sidelined with back spasms during the off-season. Duncan finished with nine points, five rebounds and a

block in limited playing time.

The Musketeers started slowly, as they did in their two pre-season games, trailing 22-17 with just under seven minutes left in the first half. Xavier finally turned it on though, finishing with a 21-4 run to take a 38-24 lead into halftime.

Xavier's offense continued to bear down on Coastal Carolina through the second half as the Musketeers opened up a 22 point lead.

Xavier finished the game on a 12-1 run that featured a freakishly athletic alley-oop tomahawk dunk by freshman Derrick Brown off a pass by sophomore guard Johnny Wolf. "I was just trying to catch it,"



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Junior guard Stanley Burrell (left) tallied 19 points for the Musketeers, including 17 in the first half, while redshirt freshman Derrick Brown tacked on another 11, including this electrifying tomahawk dunk.

Women's basketball chomps on Gators in season opener

NICK DIFRANCESCO
Contributing Sportswriter

The lady Musketeers got their season off to a good start, easily defeating the Florida Gators 86-70 on Sunday at Cintas Center. Senior guard Suntana Granderson led the way, leading all scorers with 19 points off 5-of-7 shooting from 3-point range.

The Musketeers also had four other players reach the 15 point plateau: senior guards Miranda Green and Michele Miller, senior forward Joei Clyburn and freshman forward Amber Harris.

XU stormed out of the gate and dominated the Gators, taking a 47-25 halftime advantage to the locker room.

The Gators came out after halftime playing an inspired full-court defense that caused careless turnovers and allowed Florida to get back in the game with a 16-6 run with 14:10 remaining.

But the Musketeers answered right back, going on a 9-0 run to push the lead back to 18 by the 11:50 mark.

The rest of the game saw XU adjust to the full court pressure accordingly, and turn up their own heat defensively to close out the victory.

The win was fueled by strong defense and aggressive rebounding, two things the coaches have been stressing all season. Xavier held Florida to 36.7 percent shooting

from the field and out-rebounded them 45-37.

The Musketeers shot 45.6 percent from the field, and featured a balanced offensive attack. Aside from senior center DeAnna Mason, who plays primarily in the post, every other player was seemingly able to get to the basket anytime they wanted, either scoring themselves or kicking it out when the defense collapsed.

Throughout the game, Xavier was able to find open shooters on the perimeter, allowing them to connect on seven treys.

This weekend, XU will host the National City Xavier Invitational at Cintas Center. They will take on Western Carolina at 6 p.m. on Friday, and will face Toledo or Loyola Marymount on Saturday.



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Senior guard Suntana Granderson soars for two of her 19 points.

said Brown of the high pass.

Xavier played fairly stingy defense, holding the Chanticleers to just 35 percent shooting from the field. The 46 points scored by Coastal Carolina were the fewest by a Xavier opponent since the 35 scored by Eastern Illinois in last season's opener.

The Musketeers shut down Big South Conference player of the year Jack Leasure, who averaged nearly 18 points per game last year, holding him to a career low-tying four points. This game also marked just the third time in 60 NCAA games that Leasure, who made the second most threes in the country last year, failed to hit a shot from behind the arc.

The biggest improvement for Xavier, though, came off the glass. The Musketeers dominated the boards, out-rebounding Coastal Carolina 40-28 on the night.

This stands in stark contrast to their rebounding performance in the pre-season, when they tied Northern Kentucky with 36 rebounds and allowed 17 offensive boards. Xavier crashed the defensive glass against Coastal Carolina though, leading the Chanticleers 26-17 in defensive rebounds.

Next for the Musketeers is the Paradise Jam in the Virgin Islands this weekend. Xavier will play the Virginia Commonwealth Rams in the opening round and will play College of Charleston or Villanova in the second round. Tip-off with the Rams is set for 6 p.m. on Friday.

Inside the Huddle

A Real Football Perspective from a Real Football Player

JIMMY BYRNES

Asst. Sports Editor

I am the quarterback for the Xavier club football team, and I would like to take you inside the huddle and into my thoughts. I am going to talk about what I saw, said and did in the game against Wilmington College that we played on Nov. 4. Unfortunately, we lost the game 13-7 in overtime.

We are a pass heavy team. The receivers, mainly freshman Josh Canafax and senior Mike Thallemer, and I would use hand signals to get into better plays for what the defense was going to do against us. On a number of occasions against Wilmington, we put those hand signals to good use.

On one third down play, Thallemer told me to be ready to change it up. We checked to a "quick" and got the first down. Another time, Thallemer and I checked and were able to gain about 18 yards on a "seam" route up the middle.

Now for a game-breaking situation: Fourth quarter, we are tied at seven with Wilmington. I get the play from Coach Powers and jog to the huddle. "Okay, boys...This is everyone's dream. Let's win this game. We're going with spread gun 301 Indiana slants. Ready...Break!"

I knew what was coming, though; Wilmington had been doing it all game. Number 41 was

Musketeers to add all-stars to 2007-08 lineup

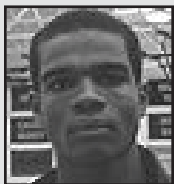
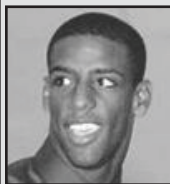
Men's basketball head coach Sean Miller has received signed National Letters of Intent from two highly rated players, the Athletic Department announced last week.

Charles Bronson, a 6-9, 240-pound center from Philadelphia, and Dante Jackson, a 6-5, 195-pound guard from Greenfield, Ohio, have both committed to playing for the Musketeers next season.

Bronson, a prep school standout at Philadelphia Lutheran High School, comes to Xavier by way of two community colleges.

Bronson signed to play for Xavier in the fall of 2005, but instead chose to enroll at Redland Community College in el Reno, Oklahoma.

Jackson averaged 28.4 points per game as a junior last year for Greenfield McLain High School in Greenfield, Ohio, and is ranked 81st in the 2007 recruiting class by rivals.com.



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Dante Jackson (left) and Charles Bronson will add flash and post presence to the Musketeers.

going to come untouched off the right edge and hit me just as I threw the pass. He did.

Incomplete, fourth down. Coach sends in the play and I talk to the huddle. "We need to get a first down here, boys. Someone try and hit that guy; just give me a split second longer. We're going back the 301 Indiana slants from the gun. Ready...Break!"

As I walk to the line, Canafax tells me that he is running a post-corner route, and I see the blitz coming from the right edge. I think to myself, "Don't worry about that...Complete the pass." I catch the snap from the center, take one look at the receiver who is slanting across the right side (which the blitzing linebacker has vacated) and throw. Complete! First down at the 30.

"Nice job, guys...nice job. We need to punch it in here. Coach wants the same play. On one. Let's go. Ready...Break!"

I check the clock. Again I notice the blitz. I get the snap and throw to a spot...Complete again to Thallemer. Tick, tick, tick.

Unable to move the ball any further, we turned the ball over and the defense holds. Overtime.

In overtime, we missed a field goal and Wilmington scored a touchdown to end the game.

That's your exclusive look inside the huddle.

Borat gets laughs and praise

BRANDY WILLIAMS
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“Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan” has to hold the record for the longest movie title as well as the funniest movie of the year. This knee-slapping film pushes every envelope and leaves nothing to the imagination.

The comedy is about a character named Borat Sagdiyev who is a fake Kazakh reporter sent by the Kazakhan government to visit America on a cultural learning experience in order to bring back information and ways to better their primitive country.

Throughout the movie, Sasha Baron Cohen, who plays Borat, a clueless, smelly and mustached moron, plays jokes on the American society in a type of comedic documentary. Cohen’s character points out and underscores issues of race, class, religious tolerance and all manners of American societal ills.

Borat, along with his obese



Borat will do anything to get the good interviews.

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producer Azamat, arrive in New York with a bottle of gypsy tears to protect them from AIDS after traveling from their third world type home where Borat’s sister is the number four prostitute in all of Kazakhstan.

When Borat finds out that his overweight and ugly wife has been

mauled and eaten by a bear, he jumps for joy and becomes infatuated with Pamela Anderson after watching his first American television show, “Baywatch.”

The direction of his journey changes as he attempts to travel to Anderson’s California home to “sack her” into marriage. Along the road to discovery, Borat makes several “journalistic” appearances and meets with a group of feminists, with whom he compares the size of the female brain to that of a squirrel.

He accepts an invitation to a racist Southern dinner party to which he invites a black prostitute as his date. He also stumbles upon a Pentecostal mega-church service

and begs to be saved by Jesus after he learns from a group of fraternity boys that Pamela Anderson is not a virgin.

Borat also engages in hilarious “learning experiences” as he

passes through a gay pride parade, an urban neighborhood and a rodeo show where he proclaims that he supports America’s “war on terror” and that Bush should “drink the blood of ev-

ery single man, woman and child” in Iraq!

This edgy movie pokes fun at America and foreigners, but if you can take a little senseless humor then it is a must see. Just when you think it can’t get any more ridiculous, it does and you’re left laughing your head off.

Borat

Starring: Sasha Baron Cohen

Rated: R

NewsWire Official Rating:

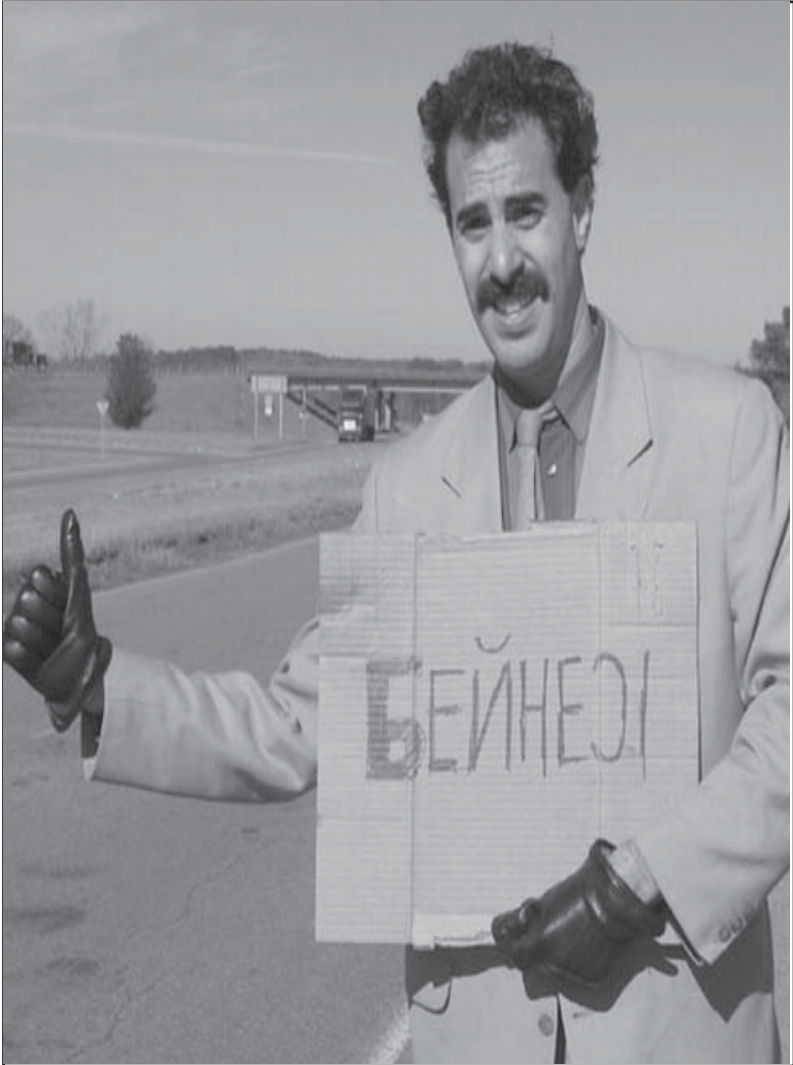


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Hitch-hiking in America is never easy.

Live Wires

Thursday, November 16
Third Day
@ Cintas Center

Friday, November 17
Papa Roach
@ Bogarts

Friday, November 17
Bare Naked Ladies
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Friday, November 17
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Last Muskie Standing

Need a good laugh? Come out to Ryan’s Pub at 8 p.m. on Nov. 16 to help decide who is the funniest Muskie on campus and who will take home \$400 in cash money!

“The Price Is Right”

Come on down! “The Price is Right” returns to campus so make sure that you get your free ticket from your RA’s office or the GSC by Nov. 17 to win a chance to get great prizes. The event will take place at 9:30 p.m. on Nov. 17 in the GSC Theatre.

Happy Wok Late Night Snack

The GSC Late Night Snack will have the tasty food of Happy Wok. If you love Chinese food, you won’t want to miss it at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16 in the GSC food court.

“Animal House” Showing

Looking for something to do after the Late Night Snack? Head over to the GSC Theater to catch a free showing of “Animal House.” The movie is featured as the GSC Classic College Movie at 11 p.m. on Nov. 16.

Musketeer Masquarade

Get dressed up and put on your masks! The 2006 Homecoming Dance honoring Xavier’s athletics will take place from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18 in the Cintas Banquet Rooms. The dance will feature jugglers, a beer garden, video dj, tarot card readers, caricature artists and more. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale now from 11 a.m.-2 p.m in GSC and from



New Releases

The following discs are due for release on or after November 15...

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WEDNESDAY
November 15

Normally, when I sit down to write this column, I am juggling many things. Yes, I mean literally juggling. There are three small kittens that I stole from the judge that are continuously thrown into the air with my left hand, two lit torches and a bottle of Sunny Delight being juggled in my right hand.

When I'm feeling particularly ambitious, I switch around the contents of the two hands back and forth while doing an Irish jig to the soundtrack from the movie "The Big Lebowski." I don't want to toot my own horn but...well...ahem...toot.

If I'm not literally juggling, I'm at least multi-tasking by making phone calls, answering emails and reading the latest news updates.

All my desire for contact with the outside world has completely diminished in the past 24 hours, however, with the disappearance of my dearest Clarence, my cellular telephone and most loyal friend.

I know I could stay in decent contact with the world around me, but I don't like a world without Clarence, so I try not to think about anything else. I feel like it wouldn't be fair to Clarence's memory.

The African Student Association will sponsor a talk entitled "Brain Drain Migration Conversation" at 5 p.m. today in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

I don't understand how people can pretend like nothing is wrong! My Clarence situation is far worse than anything that could possibly be going on anywhere in Africa! Why can't we talk about that?!

Calendar City

By Briana Hansen. To place an item in the calendar, mail to newsire-calendar@xavier.edu.

THURSDAY
November 16

Oh, man. Thursday is always such a busy day and I feel so guilty when I don't put everything that's going on on campus in this little column.

It's the same guilty feeling that has haunted me every moment since I realized I left a naive, young cell phone scared, alone and on silent mode somewhere in Cincinnati.

Native American journalist Mark Anthony Rolo will be giving a lecture at 4:30 p.m. in Kelley Auditorium today.

I wonder if he's any relation to his delicious candy namesake, the Rolo. He must be. Those things are way too delicious to have any dirty European influence.



Be careful, Clarence.
It's a scary world out there.

I'm talking about the sweet, sweet emotion of pity. The majority of people I tend to call, or used to before Clarence ran away, are people who feel sorry for me.

That's right, kids! You can try out pity all on your own today for free! Simply head over to the greenspace when there are plenty of people out. Make sure you're wearing some tattered clothes and roll around in the mud for a little bit while giggling at yourself. Grab a stick, rock or piece of trash and start talking to it like it's your best friend on earth.

Just when you two seem to be having the greatest time in your lives, suddenly look around and make eye contact with the people around you. Then start to cry and talk about how lonely you are.

Sixty percent of the time, it works every time.

The Xavier version of "The Price is Right" will take place tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the GSC Theater.

SATURDAY
November 18

At 9 a.m. in the GSC food court, all are welcome to be a good citizen for the day and participate in Community Action Day.

If you missed your chance to make friends yesterday, this will be a great group from which to get some pity. A lot of the "do-gooders" will be coming out of their ecologically-friendly huts to socialize with the rest of the materialistic, superficial and wasteful world.

At 7:30 p.m., senior Margaret Russo will be performing her senior recital in Bellarmine Chapel. If you've never heard her angelic voice sing, you've got nobody to blame but yourself.

For shame.

MONDAY
November 20

Have you ever gone to class having had so little sleep and spending so much time typing and studying at a computer that your eyes are completely red and you feel really slap happy and people think you're drunk when you haven't had a sip of alcohol and it makes you want to throw back a couple drinks because it's not like it'd make a difference in your appearance and you're certain it would make class much more interesting than it is normally?

Yeah, me neither.

On this day in 1945, the Nuremberg Trials began. What did we learn from this terrible epic in human history? Three simple things:

1. Horrible people should be punished for their horrific deeds.
2. Genocide will not be tolerated in a civilized, compassionate world.
3. The world has been run by old, white men set in their self-righteous ways for too bleeding long.

FRIDAY
November 17

Today is Homemade Bread Day. If you have no idea how to make homemade bread, simply find someone who does.

Do you have trouble making new friends? I used to, too. I've discovered a brand new route, however, that guarantees an active social life and plenty of attention.

It's something everyone can do. It just takes a little bit of courage and big, sappy eyes.

SUNDAY
November 19

Marty Grosz and His Hot Puppies Swing Concert will take place today in the GSC Theater from 3-5 p.m. If they even so much as lay a harmful hand on any puppy in the near vicinity, you can bet I will be on them like white on rice.

I once heard a lawyer refer to himself on a commercial as a man who goes after his client's claims like white on rice.

It made me hungry and sad.

TUESDAY
November 21

After classes today, we have a three day break for Thanksgiving. I can only think of one thing that would make my Thanksgiving break absolutely spectacular, and that is having my personal cellular device back in my possession so that I don't have to be stuck in 1842. I'm sick of wearing a bonnet, churning butter and rearing children. I can't wait until a man allows me to speak so that I can politely give him a piece of my mild-mannered mind.

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